

NATIONAL GUARD AFFAIRS.

HOPING TO BE REORGANIZED.

SOME SEVENTH REGIMENT MEN WHO ARE HAPPY

—THANKSGIVING DAY AT CREAMWOOD.

The powers of the civil courts have not yet been called upon to declare void the action of Governor Hill in disbanding Company I, of the 22d Regiment, although it was expected that legal proceedings would be begun immediately after the obnoxious order had been put into effect. The ex-members of the company are still looking forward to the day when they will march back into the armory behind a brass band and inspired with the knowledge that they have defeated the will of the commander-in-chief. To all inquiries as to the future of Company C, and whether or not it is to be reorganized from the old men, the same answer is given; that is, that the company has never ceased to exist. It will be an interesting sight if the fighters are ever brought together, but it must be admitted that so far it has been an extremely one-sided affair.

The members of Company F, with less confidence in the powers of the courts, have decided to accept the law as laid down by Governor Hill, and let his decision stand as final. That done, the only thing remaining is to do just as they have done. At the preliminary inspection by Colonel Thomas H. McGrath, assistant inspector-general, on last Tuesday evening, forty-eight of the old men answered the roll-call. After the inspection was over Colonel McGrath was about as communicative as he usually is, and he left inquirers to think just as they pleased about whether or not he was favorably impressed with the action of the men and what his official action would be. Of course he would do nothing more than recommend to the commander-in-chief what action he thought ought to be taken, but from the fact that he came here simply to inspect the condition of the company, no doubt his recommendations will be carried out. The men of the company expect to receive a final decision tomorrow or next day, and in fact nearly all of them believe that the company will be mustered in on Tuesday evening.

The members of Company D, of the 7th Regiment, are congratulating themselves upon the fact that the trouble in their company which has been of so long standing has finally settled by the resignation of both Captain Allen and Lieutenant Patterson. When it was seen that the differences between the two officers could not be amicably settled, and that neither of them seemed to be inclined to give up the right of the members of the company decided to settle the matter themselves. Both of the officers were considered to be blame more or less for the condition of affairs in the company and they wisely considered that the fairest way would be to request both of them to resign. Both men had warm friends in the regiment, Captain Allen had more, perhaps, than Lieutenant Patterson until Captain Allen's somewhat arbitrary action in discharging several old members of the company turned a number of his admirers against him.

This was the time that the members of the company took the action which has finally resulted in the retirement of the two officers. A committee composed of three captains and three lieutenants was appointed to consider the trouble in the company. This committee held several secret sessions and made its report early in the week. What that report was probably only those who were on the "inside" will ever know, but the effect of the report is evident.

The 2d Battery men enjoyed their usual Thanksgiving Day outing at Creamwood and this year the affair was more enjoyable than the last one. It was more possible to get about 100 men to go from the battery to the battery at Creamwood and 150 and 200 men to arrive at Creamwood two hours later. The first feature of the day was the annual battery match with each other. The batteries were 200 yards apart and shot at each distance. This match was won by Private George S. Kelly, with a score of 50 points; John R. Brady second, with 42 points, and Charles Moore third, also with 42 points. The competition interest of course was centered in the championship match at 100, 200 and 300 yards, five shots at each distance. Brady won, making a score of 57 points, thus winning the beautiful Morton medal; and Charles E. Moore was second, with a score of 53 points. The trophy for the best gunner was also won by Kelly with a score of 32 points. The honorary members' match was won by ex-sergeant Joseph Heimel; sergeant John Miller, second; and ex-Lieutenant William Wilson, third. The winner of the cigarette, leather medal for the smallest score, and Captain Wilson made a short speech as he presented the latter to the winner. After the matches were over all those present sat down to dinner at the Creamwood Hotel. Speeches were made by a number of the members and guests.

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